Joint Resolution by the Chairmen of European Railways

on the

Effects of the European CO₂ Emission Trading System (ETS) on the Railways

agreed during the

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The revised European directive on the greenhouse gas emission trading system (ETS directive) 2009/29/EC foresees that from 2013 onwards, Member States shall auction all allowances to installations for electricity generation. Around 80 % of rail traffic in Europe is powered by electricity, which means that railways are indirectly affected by the ETS because electricity generators will pass their additional costs on to the electricity consumers, i.e. the railways. A study by INFRAS Zurich shows that from 2013 onwards, European railways will be charged with additional costs of more than 500 million Euros p.a.

Rail generates 70% less CO₂ than air transport and rail freight transport emits less than a third of the emissions of an "average" truck and roughly one twentieth of the quantity emitted by an airplane. At the same time road, air and waterway transport emitting the substantial part of CO₂ in the transport sector - are either not affected by the ETS at all, or only affected to a small extent. Therefore, as rail's competitors in the transport markets will not be carrying such costs, transport volumes will shift to other, more polluting modes of transport.

At the end of the day, this will result in higher greenhouse gas emissions than without the ETS, as railways are a very climate friendly mode of transport. According to a study by ZEW Centre for European Economic Analysis, CO₂ emissions in Germany alone would increase by approximately 800,000 t p.a. in passenger and freight transport.

The undersigned Chairmen of the European railways therefore jointly declare:

- Given the fact that the revision of the ETS directive will burden the European railways with additional costs of more than 500 million Euros p.a. from 2013 onwards which will cause unintended effects giving rise to CO₂ emissions in the transport sector rather than promoting CO₂ efficiency and
- given the fact that rail is much more climate friendly than trucks and airplanes and that the rail sector has committed to cutting its CO₂ emissions between 1990 and 2020 by 30 %,

- the undersigned European railway undertakings and infrastructure managers demand that all transport modes should contribute to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions on the basis of the "polluter pays" principle and should be equally included in climate protection activities.
- As this is not the fact today, the undersigned European railway undertakings and infrastructure managers ask Member States and the European Commission to avoid any distortion in competition between railways and other modes of transport. Therefore, equal treatment in the transport sector demands that as long as other modes of transport are not included in ETS (as is the case with road and water transport) or receive a higher allocation of certificates for free (as is the case with air transport), railways should at least not be confronted with one-sided costs from ETS. Therefore appropriate measures on a European and / or national level should be taken to compensate railways for the unintended effects from the current implementation of ETS on the transport sector.

Such measures may consist in the regulation of a compulsory reduction in energy taxes for sectors which are indirectly burdened by the ETS, such as the railways. At any rate the European Commission should announce necessary measures for compensating the railways in its new Action Plan for Energy Efficiency.

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